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INK CARTRIDGE AND INK JET PRINTER

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In order to place the above-identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the application as follows:

## **IN THE CLAIMS**

Please cancel claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add claims 22-42 as follows:

--22. An ink cartridge comprising:

a cartridge main body having a first case and a second case joined to the first case;

and

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